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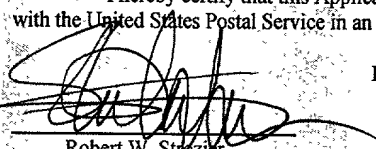
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**Box Patent Application**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

REAL-TIME SEQUENCE DETERMINATION

and invented by:

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### Application Elements

1. ☐ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 22 pages, including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
  - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description of the Invention
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113
  - a. ☒ Formal    b. ☐ Informal                      Number of Sheets 12
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
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### Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents*)

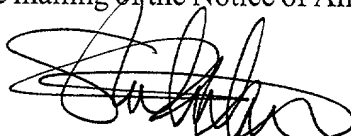
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Acknowledgment postcard
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
15. ☒ Applicant claims the benefit of Small Entity Status
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| CLAIMS AS FILED   |         |           |         |         |          |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
|   | # Filed | # Allowed | # Extra | Rate    | Fee      |
| Total Claims  | 33      | 20        | 13      | \$9.00  | \$117.00 |
| Indep. Claims   | 12      | 3         | 9       | \$40.00 | \$360.00 |
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